

On Nixon Shrubs

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The U.S. government spent \$78,000 to remove President Nixon's personal property at his private estate, according to federal officials.

This cleanup cost total the amount known to have been spent there.

It was not clear how much of the cost was for removal of the President's personal property, including his three-bedroom house, his private office, and his personal belongings, including his car and his personal security detail.

The cleanup was not a surprise, according to Nixon officials. It was the result of a decision by the Secret Service to remove the President's personal property from the estate. The decision was made by the Secret Service, not by the President or his staff.

GSA spokesman Perry Angelo supplied the \$78,000 figure an hour after the interview ended.

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Sampson also admitted that the Nixon administration had helped install the prefabricated office buildings for the President and his staff in the Coast Guard property adjacent to the land owned by Mr. Nixon and his family.

When reporters then asked for more records, Sampson replied that there were two kinds of records: those relating to security, which could not be made public, and those which were the President's private affairs.

Reporter then suggested that in other words, there were two kinds of records — those we can't see, and those we can't see.

Sampson replied: "That's right."

Later in the interview, Sampson was asked to disclose the cost of government-owned landscaping on the Nixon estate. He refused to do so, saying: "Anything that involves the security of the President, we're not going to reveal. Every piece of information we reveal reveals how much security was done. Every little piece of information, no matter how small, threatens the security of the President."

It was then that the Secret Service official conceded there was no "security" reason for withholding the information, and Sampson was pressured into executing an about-face.

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Korean Charges

Seoul

North Korea has renewed charges that the U.S. provoked the 1950-53 Korean war, the Official Press news agency said yesterday.

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